

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-29. (Canceled).

30. (Previously presented) A catheter assembly, comprising:
a catheter including at least one lumen; and
a connector including a distal end attached to a proximal end of the catheter
and a passageway in fluid communication with the at least one lumen,
a proximal portion of the passageway including an engagement
feature configured to connect an end of an instrument to the
connector, a distal portion of the passageway including a valve having
a closed proximal end with a slit and an open distal end, the valve
proximal end distal of the engagement feature.

31. (Previously presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 30, wherein
the valve includes a wall defining a lumen from the proximal end to the distal end, the wall
configured to guide a proximal end of a guidewire from the valve distal end through the slit in the
valve proximal end.

32. (Previously presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 30, wherein
the connector comprises a material having a hardness in the range of about 90 Shore A to about 90
Shore D, and wherein the valve comprises a material having a hardness in the range of about 40
Shore A to about 60 Shore A.

33. (Previously presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 30, wherein
the engagement feature comprises an O-ring, and wherein a wall defining the proximal portion of
the passageway proximal of the O-ring is tapered.

34. (Withdrawn) A catheter assembly, comprising:
a catheter including a first lumen and a second lumen; and
a connector including a distal end attached to a proximal end of the catheter, a
distal portion of the connector including a collapsed portion biasing a
lumen of the connector in a closed configuration.

35. (Withdrawn) The catheter assembly according to claim 34, wherein a
proximal portion of the connector lumen includes an engagement feature configured to connect an
end of an instrument to the connector.

36. (Withdrawn) The catheter assembly according to claim 34, wherein the
connector comprises a material having a hardness in the range of about 60 Shore A to about 90
Shore A.

37. (Withdrawn) An adaptor assembly, comprising:
a connector housing including a tapered proximal end and a distal end having
an opening configured to receive a proximal end of a catheter, a distal
portion of a connector housing lumen including a valve having a
closed proximal end with a slit and an open distal end; and
a syringe adaptor including a distal end configured to slide over the tapered
proximal end of the connector housing and a proximal opening
configured to receive a male luer portion of the syringe.

38. (Withdrawn) The adaptor assembly according to claim 37, wherein a
proximal portion of the connector housing lumen includes an engagement feature configured to
connect an end of a tunneler to the connector housing, the valve proximal end distal of the
engagement feature.

39. (Withdrawn) The adaptor assembly according to claim 37 in combination
with a tunneler, wherein the engagement feature comprises a compression ring configured to grip a
tip of the tunneler.

40. (New) The catheter assembly according to claim 30, wherein the connector includes an tapered outer surface at a proximal end thereof.

41. (New) The catheter assembly according to claim 40, further comprising a syringe adaptor including a distal end configured to slide over the tapered proximal end of the connector housing and a proximal opening to receive a male luer.

41. (New) The catheter assembly according to claim 30, further comprising a tunneler, wherein the engagement feature engages a tip of the tunneler upon insertion of the tunneler tip into the proximal portion of the passageway.